**Chapter 9 Section 4 Reflection Questions Answers**

1. How have technological advancements and improved health care changed the lives of the village people?

Though some Indian villages have not changed much, many rural villages are able to have connections with the outside world because of infrastructure and modern technologies such as automobiles and television. People who live in villages that have modern technologies are able to have cottage industries, small businesses run from the home. An increase in health care reduces the amount of infant mortality*,* which allows for better medical treatment in rural villages and improved treatment in India overall.

2. How has the caste system changed the lives of Indian people? Why or why not has the system changed?

Deeply rooted traditional beliefs make it difficult for the government of India to reduce the effects of the caste system. The cast system has affected occupations as well as living locations. Higher caste Indians can afford to educate their children whereas poor families cannot afford schooling. The caste system continues to be a setback because of the traditional beliefs in villages.

3. How are the social aspects of Indian peoples lives changing due modernization?

Marriages are still being arranged for some, but young people will often meet before their weddings and they may even reject their parents choices. More and more city dwellers live in nuclear families rather than their extended families. Women have begun to gain more rights; they can vote, own property, and get a divorce if wanted.